



PBOT
Parking and
Regulatory Services

1120 SW 5th Ave, Suite 1331
Portland, OR 97204
☎ 503-823-7483
✉ regulatory@portlandoregon.gov

TNC TOPIC SUBMISSION

THIS TOPIC WAS SUBMITTED BY: Phil Berger

SUBMITTED VIA ONLINE FORM ON: 11/02/23 9:36 AM

ORGANIZATION/AFFILIATION: PBOT DAC Vice Chair

SUBMITTER'S PHONE NUMBER: +1 (360) 624-7717

SUBMITTER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: philberger5@gmail.com

TOPIC OR DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:

Statement of Opposition to Committee Merger with Private for Hire

HOW IS THIS IMPACTING THE INDUSTRY?

The rumored merger of our committee with the Private for Hire (Taxi) Committee would not be in the best interest of TNC Drivers.

REASON FOR CONSIDERATION OR CHANGE TO THE REGULATIONS?

The agendas and motivation for the creation of the TNC Drivers Advisory Committee (per Resolution 37355) and the Private for Hire Committee do not always align. In fact, they often conflict.

This committee's relationship with the TNCs should be one of cooperative partnership for the betterment of all rideshare parties (the TNCs, drivers, riders, and the general public), whereas the PFH companies are in direct competition with the rideshare industry.

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?

In light of the following recent developments we respectfully request and recommend that the PBOT Director make a public statement in support of our committee remaining independent and separate through at least the end of 2024, preferably 2025 with the resources necessary to function without influence of the PFH Industry. Recent developments include:

- 1.Appointment of new TNC DAC leadership in October 2023. Please give them time to develop and implement a strategy to execute the purpose of the committee, fill vacant member assignments and recruit additional volunteers to participate as guests at meetings or on subcommittees.
- 2.Recent developments with Rideshare Drivers United and the Teamsters Union in Oregon. More than 50 Topic Submissions appear to have been received on October 31, 2023 indicating significantly more interest in our committee's goals, and involvement from many more local drivers going forward.
- 3.The lack of meaningful recommendations and/or contributions from the current Fees and Fares Subcommittee pertaining to TNC Drivers issues. This is a joint subcommittee, led by the PFH Committee Chairperson, established to serve both the TNC Drivers Advisory and PFH committees.

WAS A FILE/IMAGE UPLOADED WITH THIS SUBMISSION? No

THIS IS AN AUTOMATED NOTICE OF SUBMISSION. ANY ATTACHMENTS SUBMITTED MUST BE REQUESTED AS THEY MUST BE VERIFIED AS LEGIT SUBMISSIONS AND PROCESSED TO REMOVE ANY UNINTENTIONAL MALICIOUS SOFTWARE ADDITIONS BEFORE DISTRIBUTION.

TNCDT00079-2022